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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

W. A. Gautier, the Sampson county desperado, was sentenced to three years in prison for destroying rural route mail-boxes. —— The House passed the pension bill appropriating $138,150,000. —— U. S. cruiser Olympia has sailed for Colon. —— Cotton future market excited and higher. —— The isthmian canal question was debated in the Senate. —— The business done by the South Carolina dispensary in the fiscal year, 1903 amounts to $3,817,998.77. —— Commander Tarner of the U S. cruiser Atlanta, reports a body of Colombian troops just north of the Atrato river; the Colombian commander made protest against the presence of Americans in Colombian waters. —— President Roosevelt has signed the Cuban reciprocity bill. —— Japan has determined to oppose a strong front to Russia; the dispatch of troops to Corea is imminent. —— The A. C. L. syndicate has been extended to February 28th, 1905. —— U. S. grand jury at Omaha returned a true bill against U. S. Senator Dietrich for illegal leasing of a building to the government for a postoffice. —— New York markets: Money on call steady at 4@5½ per cent; cotton quiet at 12.70; flour was fairly active, closing steady; wheat—spot steady, No. 2 red 90¾c; corn—spot steady, No. 2 58c; oats—spot quiet, No. 2 41½; rosin firm; spirits turpentine steady.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 17.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 33 degrees 8 P. M., 36 degrees; maximum, 45 degrees; minimum, 31 degrees; mean, 38 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since first of the month to date, 1.09.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—For North Carolina: Fair Friday and Saturday; light to fresh north to northeast winds.

Port Almanac—December 18.

Sun Rises	7.05 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.48 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 43 M.
High Water at Southport	7.58 P. M.
High Water Wilmington	10.28 P. M.

If ex-Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson were to glide into the portals of the White House these days, he would feel like he had stumbled by mistake into a refrigerator.

President Roosevelt has sent a minister to the new Republic of Panama. Everybody ought to chip in now and send a minister to Roosevelt if it is not too late for him to yield to missionary efforts.

If Roosevelt and his accomplices desire to turn the rascals out, why is there so much wincing and balking when the Democrats in Congress put their shoulders to the wheel of the over loaded graft cart?

We see in the papers that two men in New York died from drinking wood alcohol. Why on earth is it that men will run such risks when pine top whiskey from North Carolina will reach New York the day after the bill of lading in made out?

The experience of Colombia just goes to show that when Uncle Sam offers his price he considers it a trade. Any further demand is maddening evidence that it is an assault on him with intention to "bleed." Uncle Sam wants it understood that he doesn't go up the alley with any of your thimble riggers.

Editor Jim Robinson, of the Durham *Daily Sun*, is complaining of the bad pavements of that city. Pavements bare the reputation of being mean everywhere, having never quit their sneaking old trick of flying up and hitting a gentleman in the face. This may be why editors are generally down on pavements.

That two-faced and mealy-mouthed paper, the Congressional Record, may rest assured that the people know why it has no opinions of its own. It is on the top rail of the fence and publishes the speeches of both Republican and Democratic senators and representatives, whether they speak the speeches or not.

Radium is 6,000 times more costly than pure gold. The Savannah News claims that a supply of this costly article has reached that city, but as Savannah recently passed a counterfeit $100 bill on Senator Tillman, we propose to protect ourself by patronizing the Chicago market for our Christmas supply of radium.

Smoot, the Republican Mormon senator, talks very conservatively about the protests of the Congress of Mothers against his being seated in the United States Senate. He invites the ladies to go to Utah "to visit his home and see his beautiful home life and the wife and children." Smooty, old boy, the ladies will naturally want to know which one of your homes you want to steer them up against, and whether it's Penelope, Elenor, Lida, or Mary Ann, that they are expected to meet.

THREE WEEKS COURT TERM.

Discovery that Is Very Pleasing to Local Attorneys in View of Crowded Docket—The Act

The lawyers are discussing whether the county will have a three weeks term of court beginning Jan. 25th instead of a two weeks term as is the popular supposition. All the printed court calendars, purporting to be official, give only a two weeks term for New Hanover beginning Jan. 25th, but Chapter 523 of the Public Laws of 1903, which is an act to fix and regulate the time for holding the Superior Courts for the Fifth Judicial District, explicitly prescribes that New Hanover shall have a one week term on the sixth Monday before the first Monday in March and a two weeks term (which will immediately follow) to be convened on the fifth Monday before the first Monday in March. That is construed certainly to mean that court will open here at the appointed time and continue for three weeks for the trial of both civil and criminal matters.

The printed court calendars sent out from Raleigh give Judge Ferguson, who will preside here, an open week after holding a two weeks term here, but the act shows that his time will be given to the extra week for New Hanover exactly as was contemplated in framing the law. The discovery is highly pleasing to attorneys here, inasmuch as there are a number of pressing civil matters that would necessarily have to go over as much time will be taken up with the Terry murder trial.

LOCAL DOTS.

— J. T. Bland, Esq., has resigned as attorney for the county of Pender.

— British steamer "Toloss," Capt. Holtum hence for Bremen, arrived out on the 6th inst.

— The annual holiday german of L'Arioso Club will be given on New Year's eve, Dec. 31st.

— Romeo and Juliet by a strong company will be an attraction at the Academy Christmas night.

— Willie Perry, a colored youth charged with committing a nuisance in the opera house, was discharged by the mayor yesterday.

— A slight freight wreck caused by the dropping of a brake rod delayed the northbound A. C. L. passenger train near Willard yesterday morning.

— The commissioners of Brunswick county are casting about for a site for the building of a new County Home, authorized by the last Legislature.

— An interesting programme has been arranged for the free exhibition in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium which will be one of the features of the New Year's reception at the Association.

— Ed Brown, the negro who shot another who was brought to the hospital here Sunday, is in jail, having been committed by Justice C. H. Alexander. The negro at the hospital is doing very well.

— The big steam road roller in the City Hall yard was fired up yesterday to test the new chest and cylinder put on by machinists from Whitlock's. The roller will be ready for use in a day or two.

— Mr. T. H. Thompson, the well known Eagle Paper Co. traveling man, has an important notice to city and country merchants in another column. It needs reading to be appreciated.

— By deed filed for record yesterday W. M. Cumming and wife transferred to C. E. Goodwin for $325, house and lot on west side of Eleventh, 66 feet south of Dawson street, 66x165 feet in size.

— Duplin *Journal*: "Mr. Herbert Smith, ex-clerk of the Superior Court of Duplin, and Mr. A. T. Hocutt, ex-deputy register of deeds, are now express messengers on the Atlantic Coast Line."

— Wilson *Times*: "We are sorry to note the death of Mr. Ben Arrington, which occurred at his home in Rocky Mount yesterday morning at 2 o'clock. Mr. Arrington was an engineer on the A. C. L. He leaves a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Arrington, and several sisters and brothers."

CHARTER FOR NEW OIL MILL.

New $20,000 Enterprise for Wilmington Incorporated at Raleigh Yesterday.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 17.—A charter is granted to The University Oil and Fertilizer Co., of Wilmington, the capital stock being $50,000. The incorporators are B G. Worth, C. W. Worth and W. E. Worth. The company is authorized to manufacture cotton seed oil and extract grease from any and all substances, deal in cotton, cotton seed and manufacture fertilizers.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Taxes—In Brunswick county.
T. H. Thompson—To merchants.
Academy of Music—"The Stain of Guilt."

BUSINESS LOCALS.

C. R. L. & P. Co.—Reading lamp.
Y. M. C. A.—Musicale for N. C. Sorosis

Ladies' and Gents' solid gold and gold filled watches. J. T. Burke, Jeweller, No. 27 South Front street. †

I guarantee each article, and the price will suit you, as I am striving to please the public. J. T. Burke, Jeweller. †

SEABOARD AFFAIRS.

Resignation of Capt. Meares and Complications Growing Out of Same.

AUDITOR HERE YESTERDAY.

General Agent Refuses Use of His Name in Connection With Company's Business—Chamber of Commerce Will Meet To-day.

Travelling Auditor Pitzer, of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, arrived in the city yesterday in connection with the resignation of Capt. T D. Meares as general agent of the Company here, but he was not empowered to settle with Capt. Meares or relieve him of the duties of the position and he was, therefore, recalled with the information that another auditor would be here Monday with whom Capt. Meares could wind up his accounts. In the meantime the affairs of the office remain in the hands of Mr. F. C. West, chief clerk to the general agent here. Capt. Meares also in the meantime has been just as peremptory with his resignation as Supt. Towsley was with his removal and he has had nothing whatever to do with the office since placing his books, accounts, etc., in proper shape for a full settlement on the morning he notified the company to send a man here to check him up and relieve him of his duties. Capt. Meares has officially notified Supt. Towsley as to his action in the matter and has forbidden the use of his name as agent of the company here any longer.

There were rumors yesterday of wholesale resignations on the part of the clerks in the Seaboard offices here, who were peculiarly attached to Capt. Meares and who were incensed at his treatment at the hand of the Seaboard officials. Mr. Frank Harriss, yard clerk of the company, tendered his resignation yesterday to go into effect to-night.

Bills of lading issued by the company yesterday were signed by clerks with the name of Capt. Meares as agent, but Capt. Meares says that such action is wholly without his authority. It is presumed that other arrangements will be made to day as to signatures and that another agent will be here to relieve Capt. Meares upon his settlement with the travelling auditor who is expected Monday. Mr. Williamson, the appointed successor to Mr. Meares, has been a travelling auditor for the company and an office man in Portsmouth.

The Chamber of Commerce will meet this morning at 11:30 o'clock for the purpose of giving expression to the sentiment of the business community relative to the peremptory dismissal of Capt. T. D. Meares from the general agency of the Seaboard Air Line in this city. From the number of signers of the call for the meeting and the general interest which has been manifested in the affair, the attendance will be quite large. The Chamber will doubtless dispose of the question with a general commendation of Capt. Meares and a condemnation of the Seaboard Air Line for its action in the matter, after which a resolution will likely be introduced embodying the expressions voiced on the floor.

Dog's Experience with Fenders.

Never-failing objects of interest yesterday were the new fenders on the street cars. "They're out o' sight," remarked a motorman last night. "Over the road to day a venturesome little cuss of a dog unwittingly jumped in front of the car. We scooped him up as neat as you ever saw; carried him about a block on the trap and then he jumped off, curled his tail between his legs, looked back with a frightened expression on his face and trotted off down the street as if nothing had ever happened. The claim agent won't have to settle up for killing a 'fine bird dog,' in this case."

THE HARRIS-PARKINSON COMPANY.

"The Stain of Guilt" at the Academy To-night—Matinee To-morrow.

Quite a large audience greeted the Harriss-Parkinson Company at the Academy last night and witnessed a splendid production of "A True Kentuckian." A change of specialties was presented and greatly enjoyed.

To-night the company will present "The Stain of Guilt," a romantic drama of great interest. At matinee to morrow afternoon the old favorite, "Rip Van Winkle," will be offered.

Jim Judge in the Toils.

Upon complaint of his mother and sister whom he threatened to kill, Jim Judge, white, a notorious character of the city, was arrested shortly before last midnight at 113 Front street by Justice G. W. Bornemann and Policeman Leon George. He was placed in jail for a hearing upon a peace warrant in Justice Bornemann's court at 9 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Judge said that her son had several times threatened her, and she was in fear of bodily harm at his hands. She wanted him locked up so that he could not carry out his threats.

Crosses of Honor.

The custodian of the Crosses of Honor for the Daughters of the Confederacy announces that all applicants for these badges must file a certificate of eligibility before Jan. 1st, as after that date the applications will have to be forwarded to Atlanta in order to have the crosses sent before Lee's birthday, January 19th. Blanks can be obtained from Capt. J. I. Metts.

GAS CONSUMERS COMPLAIN.

Some Irregularity at Consolidated Plant Put Places in Darkness — Housewives Protest—At Postoffice.

Owing to some irregularity at the gas plant of the C. R., L. & P. Co., the nature of which could not be learned as the authorities were apparently out of communication by telephone with the newspaper offices, the supply of gas was practically cut off last night and places dependent upon that means of lighting were almost in total darkness. Conditions were almost as bad the night before, but the company is reported to have promised that there will be an improvement beginning to-day.

The absence of gas was principally noticeable at the postoffice, where the electric lighting system burned out at the same time, emphasizing the old saw that "troubles never come singly." The evening mails, which came in late, had to be worked by candle and lamp light and the clock in the tower, which is presumed to be lighted by gas, was in darkness. A number of stores which used gas exclusively had to close up early or borrow or buy lamps. The Welsbach street lights in remote parts of the city showed only a faint glimmer. Lanterns were pressed into service at the police station and contrary to custom it was a hard matter to find one's way into the guard house.

Many a housewife, dependent upon gas for cooking purposes, rebelled when their ranges failed to heat yesterday just before meal time and it is not a wonder that the gas people decided to suspend telephone communication when early in the day each and every one wanted to tell "just what she thought about such a state of affairs." As before stated better things are promised to-day.

There was an improvement in the gas about 12 o'clock last night so that consumers may be reasonably certain the supply will be good to day. General Manager Skelding spent almost day and night at the plant until the condition was remedied.

THE TROLLEY CAR ACCIDENT.

Mrs. Piner's Condition Favorable—Motorman Smith's Case Continued.

Mrs. Elizabeth Piner, the victim of the frightful trolley car accident at Second and Princess streets Wednesday morning, was doing remarkably well yesterday and last night. Her condition is indeed very favorable, though she is not yet out of danger. The accident was much discussed yesterday and varying opinions as to the speed of the car were expressed by additional witnesses who were found. The statement that Mr. J. O. Brown witnessed the accident from his carriage shops on an adjacent corner proved incorrect, as Mr. Brown was at his home at the time.

The case of Motorman Smith, charged with criminal negligence in running over the woman, was called in the police court yesterday at noon. City Attorney Bellamy stated that upon advices from the hospital Mrs. Piner was still in a precarious condition and he thought it unwise to proceed with the case. It was then upon motion of Marsden Bellamy, Esq., and T. W. Davis, Esq., counsel for the C. R., L. & P. Co., ordered that the case be continued until next Tuesday at noon. In the meantime should the patient die, the motorman agrees to give himself up the City Hall for a readjustment of the bond, which was continued for the present at $1,000.

DR. W. C. GALLOWAY TO WED.

Will be Married in Tarboro After the Yuletide Season.

Very many friends in Wilmington yesterday received handsomely engraved invitations bearing the following announcement:

The honour of your presence is requested
at the marriage of
Mrs. Pattie J. Hart
to
Dr. Walter C. Galloway,
On Tuesday afternoon, December the twenty-ninth,
Nineteen hundred and three,
At four o'clock,
Calvary Church,
Tarboro, North Carolina.

Dr. and Mrs. Galloway will be at home in this city after Jan. 15th.

FUNERAL OF MRS. J. F. RULFS, SR.

Remains Laid to Rest in Oakdale Cemetery Yesterday—Impressive Services.

The funeral of the late Mrs. J. F. Rulfs, Sr., was conducted at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the late residence, thence to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church. The services were by Rev. Dr. G. D. Bernheim, and many friends of Mrs. Rulfs and the family were in attendance. The floral offerings were many and very pretty. The interment was in Oakdale cemetery, the following having acted as pall-bearers: Honorary, Dr. J. T. Schonwald and Mr. H. Rehder; active, Messrs. John Haar, B. H. J. Ahrens, M. G. Tiencken, Louis Hanson and William Nelatlie.

Rev. J. B. Shelton to Preach.

Rev. J. B. Shelton, of Chester, S. C., who preached with much power and eloquence at the First Baptist Church Wednesday night, has consented to remain in the city and preach to the congregation again on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and evening at 7:30. Rev. Mr. Shelton has rare gifts as a speaker and he will be heard with much pleasure.

THE POULTRY SHOW.

Prize Winners in Many Classes Were Announced by the Judge Yesterday.

FOR LADIES AND CHILDREN.

Special Hours Announced by the Management for This and To-morrow Afternoons—Exhibit from State Experiment Farm at Raleigh.

Although the exhibit is the finest ever made in the city and one of the largest ever seen in the State, the public does not seem to appreciate the Poultry Show under the auspices of the Wilmington Poultry Association, now in progress at corner of Front and Market streets. With the exception of the Blue Andeluvians, Games and Bantams, the judging has now been completed and all the prize ribbons are up, so that the present is a very opportune time to see the show. The doors open this morning at 10 o'clock and close at 10 o'clock to night. This afternoon and to-morrow afternoon has been given by the management to the ladies and children and they are cordially invited to call at those times. The admission has been reduced to 10 cents for both ladies and children. The usual general admission, however, will remain at 15c for men.

The prizes thus far announced are as follows:

P. B. Brooks, Rural Hall, N. C.—Second and third pullets; third cockerel, Rhode Island reds.

C. P. Butner, Rural Hall—Buff Leghorns, third hen.

H. M. Collins, Charleston, S. C.—White Leghorn, first, second and third hen.

Dr. J. H. Dreher—Barred Plymouth Rock, third cockerel.

T. S. Eanes, Lexington, N. C.—Brown Leghorn, first, second and third hen; first cock; first, second and third pullet and first hen.

Golden Plume Poultry Farm, Burlington, N. C.—Silver Pencilled Wyandottes, first cock, pullet and hen.

Independent Poultry Farm, Wilmington—First pair Pekin ducks.

W. H. McEachern—White Wyandottes, first and third cockerel. Barred Plymouth Rocks, first hen and third pullet.

W. C. Armfirong—Buff Leghorn, first cockerel.

N. C. Experiment Farm, Raleigh—Buff Orpingtons, second cockerel, first and second hen; first and second pullet. White Plymouth Rocks, first and second hen; first and second pullet; second cockerel. Barred Plymouth Rocks, second and third cockerell; first pullet; second hen. White Wyandottes, second cockerel; third hen. White Leghorns, first and second hen; second and third pullet. Brown Leghorn, second cockerel. Light Brahmas, second hen and third cockerel. Pekin ducks, second pair.

N. M. McEachern—White Wyandottes, first and second hen; second cockerel.

Shadeland Dairy, A. O. McEachern—Partridge Wyandottes, first and second pullet; second hen. White Wyandottes, second and third pullet. White Leghorn, first cockerel.

W. P. Monroe—Partridge Wyandottes, first cockerel; first and third hen; third pullet.

Parker & Miller, Rock Hill, S. C.—All on Rose Comb White Leghorn.

Robert N. Reaves—White Plymouth Rocks, third hen.

Dr. T. M. Scharloock, Charleston, S. C.—White Leghorn, third cock.

S. J. Davis—Buff Leghorns, first, second and third pullet; third cock and third cockerel.

Dr. W. H. Crowell, Burgaw, N. C.—Buff Leghorn, second hen, cockerel and cock.

J. A. P. Wolf, Rural Hall—White Wyandotte, first cock; first pullet. Buff Orpingtons, third cockerel.

Geo. A. Woodard—Buff Leghorn, third cockerel.

E. T. Wade—Buff Orpingtons, third hen; second cockerel. Barred Plymouth Rocks, first cockerel, second pullet, third hen.

NEW PASTOR ARRIVES.

Rev. A. McCullen and Two Little Sons Came Last Night—Reception.

Rev. Alpheus McCullen, the new pastor of Fifth Street M. E. church, arrived last night from Oxford, accompanied by his two little sons, aged about 9 and 11 years respectively. Mrs. McCullen has gone to visit her daughter at Littleton Female College and will not join Rev. Mr. McCullen here until after the holidays. The new pastor was met last night at the station by Messrs. J. W. Fleet, W. E. Yopp, B. M. Wilson and Jno. T. Sholar and was shown to the home of Mrs. J. J. LeGwin, where he will be a guest until he is joined by his wife when the family will occupy the parsonage. Rev. Mr. McCullen and little sons were tendered a reception last night by the Ladies' Aid Society and they will be entertained again to-night by the enthusiastic N. N. S. Society, of the congregation. Rev. Mr. McCullen will occupy the pulpit of his new church at the usual hours Sunday.

Sorosis Concert This Evening.

A delightful concert will be given in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium this evening, beginning at 8:30 o'clock, under the auspices of the North Carolina Sorosis. Among those engaged for the evening's entertainment are Mrs. Joseph H. Watters, Miss Florence Pearsall, Mr. D. Amail Richardson, the Atlantic Quartette and Mr. White, accompanist. General admission, 25c.

— Capt. Jim Cutts, one of the freight conductors of this division of the Atlantic Coast Line, and Mr. Wm. H. Branch, baggage master between Wilmington and Norfolk, have been transferred to the second division, with headquarters in Savannah. They will leave for Savannah to-day.

I am making a specialty of Ladies' set rings. Solid gold only. J. T. Burke. †

THE MARKETS AND SHIPPING.

Cotton Record Highest Point of Season. Steamer for Bremen—Barque and Two Schooners Cleared.

Clyde Liner "Navahoe" arrived up from Georgetown, 5:30 P. M. yesterday.

Schooners "William P. Hood" and "C. C. Lister" cleared yesterday with cargoes of lumber from the Cape Fear mill for Boston and New York, respectively.

British steamer "Scarthoe" cleared yesterday for Bremen with cargo of 13,953 bales of cotton valued at $870,000 and consigned by Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Norwegian barque "Kampfjord," Capt. Christensen, was cleared yesterday for Bristol, Eng., by Messrs. Heide & Co. with cargo of 7,586 barrels of rosin, consigned by Messrs. Paterson, Downing & Co.

Cotton receipts yesterday were only 699 bales against 1,474 same day last year. The market advanced during the day to 12½ cents for middling, the highest price recorded here this season.

Southport *Standard*: "While coming in over the bar on Wednesday evening last week, the schooner 'C. D. Maffit,' bound from Shallotte to Southport with a cargo of wood, encountered the northwest gale which capsized and drowned the crew of the 'Clarence H.,' an account of which is given in another column. While off abreast of Fort Caswell a heavy sea struck the vessel, carrying away her deck load of wood. Part of the wood struck Capt. David Robinson, who was at the wheel, breaking his nose and cutting an ugly gash over his right eye. It is somewhat remarkable that the schooner weathered the storm and reached port in safety about 8 o'clock. Capt. Robinson's wounds were dressed by Dr. J. A. Dosher on Thursday morning."

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. H. L. Finlayson is here.

— Mr. B. F. Tatum, of Ammon, Bladen county, was here yesterday.

— Mrs. W. L. Harlow returned yesterday from a visit to Richmond.

— Mr. Clem Wescott is at home from Oak Ridge Institute to spend the holidays.

— Mr. D. W. Council and wife, of Rutherfordton, are guests at The Orton.

— Mrs. M. L. Counts, of Bamberg, S. C., was a guest at The Orton yesterday.

— Mr. Richard Meares came home from Chapel Hill yesterday to spend the holidays.

— C. D. Weeks, Esq., went to Clinton yesterday to attend Sampson Superior Court.

— Messrs. W. R. Walker and J. G. Hollingsworth, of Currie, are in the city on a business trip.

— Capt. J. H. Dosher, of Bald Head light station, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. N. F. Parker.

— Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Clark, Miss Mary Clark and Dr. G. L. Clark were guests at The Orton yesterday.

— Fayetteville *Observer*, 17th: "Miss Sarah L. Hart came up from Wimington yesterday to spend a few days with her sisters, the Misses Hart."

— J. B. Schulken, Esq., of Whiteville, was here yesterday on his return from Raleigh where he argued as one of the counsel for the State the case of the Registers in the Supreme Court.

— Hon. John D. Bellamy returned yesterday morning from Raleigh, where he argued before the Supreme Court the Register case already referred to in these columns. Donald McRackan, Esq., of Whiteville, who also appeared in the case, was here yesterday, returning home.

Navassa Guano Tax.

Southport *Standard*: "At the commissioners' meeting last Thursday an affidavit was furnished by Mr. H. W. Malloy, President of the Navassa Guano Company, to the effect that the Navassa Company had only $140,000 worth of stock on hand June 1st, 1903, instead of $180,000 as charged up against them by the county for taxes. In view of this the commissioners ordered the tax assessment reduced to $140,000. Chairman Guthrie went up to Wilmington on Monday and held a conference with President Malloy in regard to the matter. The Board also ordered that C. W. Yates be paid $220 00 for two sets of index books, same to be paid out of the special bond fund."

— Richard Crawford, colored, was lodged in jail by Constable Savage last midnight charged with some disorder at one of the compresses. He is said to have drawn a knife on several other negroes and acted ugly in a general manner. He will be tried in Justice Fowler's court to-day.

Don't forget to take a look as you pass by the window and see the assortment of appropriate X mas presents at J. T. Burke's, The Jeweller. †

Notice the window at J. T. Burke's, The Jeweller. †

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

TO-NIGHT.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Harris-Parkinson Co.,

In a big scenic production of the thrilling drama.

"THE STAIN OF GUILT."

Popular Prices—10, 20 and 30c.

Seats on sale at Plummer's.

MATINEE TO-MORROW.

"RIP VAN WINKLE."

de 18 1t

283 NEW CLOAKS!

We Are Receiving Daily New Cloaks.

Will have to arrive this week 283 all styles.

No. 331, a lady's Coat, made of the best material, full military finish, long Cape, all colors, at $6.98; they have been $10. Our best Coats $ 6.50. Same Coat, full Silk lined, latest style $12.50 in all colors. Some stores selling them for $20.

No. 381, Black and light Chocolate or Castor Coat, best goods, without Cape, at $5.98; has been selling at $8.

No. 461, A good Coat in latest style at $2.98. We have the box or light back and will guarantee to save you from $2 to $6 on a Coat. I also have a full line of Misses long Coats from 65c to $6.75 each.

Don't forget our 69c Kid Gloves; they are the same other stores charge you $1 and $1.50 for.

MILLINERY.

Our fine Pattern Hats will go at Cost; $10 Hats $7, and $8 Hats for $5, and $5 Hats for $3.50, $16 Hats for $10. Our ready to wear Hats that were $2.75; all reduced to $1.50.

Misses' and Children's Hats that was $1 75 now 75c.

A new line of very fine Furs, something fine for Christmas presents, $1.95, $3.50, $5, $6 and $8.

A new lot of wide Lace Collars $39c, $1, $1 50, $2; the collar with stole effect, Batenburg work; come nearly to waist, for $2.50.

A new lot of fine Skirts to arrive Tuesday, December 15th.

Waist, Stock Collars, Silk Mufflers.

PARIS MILLINERY EMPORIUM,

129 Market St., Wilmington, N. C.,
Next to Bonitz Hotel.

dec 15 tf

Santa Claus Has Arrived

AND MADE HIS HEADQUARTERS AT

TAYLOR'S BAZAAR.

An immense line of Toys of every description. The finest line of Dolls in the city.

Kid Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, Lace Collars, Chiffon and Fur Scarfs, Work Boxes, Manicure Sets, Albums, Gent's Smoking Sets and Shopping Bags are only a few of the many suitable presents we offer for young and old. The prices are sure to suit you.

Call and convince yourself at

TAYLOR'S BAZAAR,

The Leading Millinery House,
118 Market street.

Store open until 9 P. M., until after the holidays. dec 13 tf

Do You Need a Tuxedo Suit for the Holidays?

If so, let us have your order at once.

We have many things to offer our friends and patrons, which would not only make handsome but useful Xmas Presents.

We are showing a swell line of Neckwear.

Have you seen our Dress Suit Protectors, Gloves, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs.

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The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 18.

REPUBLICAN CONFESSION.

Senator Aldrich, Republican, in a debate in Congress the other day, admitted that the tariff is entirely too high and out of reason. This ought to justify Democrats in demanding a revision of the oppressive schedules of the Dingley tariff law American voters ought to make a note of this when they remember that Senator Hanna has given it out that the Republican party will stand pat on the present tariff, even if it is high and some of the schedules have become out of date since the passage of the Dingley bill.

If the friends of the out-of-date tariff are not going to revise it, the Democrats will go into the next campaign and ask the people to give them a chance at it. Democratic revision will have no semblance to so called "free trade" either, nor will it be detrimental to any American industry that needs protection.

Senator Patterson (Dem.) of Colorado, said in the debates in the House of Representatives at Washington the other day, that the Democratic policy was for a tariff for sufficient revenue for the government, with incidental protection, or protection where any American industry whatsoever can be fostered without prejudice to the interests of the people. The Hon. John Sharp Williams, the Democratic leader of the House, and an experienced Congressman from the iron and coal State of Alabama, in a previous debate, said no American industry need fear revision at the hands of the Democratic party.

It is safe to reiterate, however, that if the Democratic party is given the opportunity it will put the pruning knife into the tariff where it will hurt the trusts and ease up the burdens of the over-taxed people who are being bled by artificially forced-up prices.

The cotton manufacturers for many years have had their clover time, but now the cotton growers are getting their belated dues. The trusts have fried the fat out of the people long enough, and next year the people will have a good chance to get what is coming to them.

The Republican cry is that revision of the tariff must be left to the friends of protection. The cry of the people, however, ought to be that the enemies of the trusts ought to do the revising.

ROOSEVELT QUITS STOCK JOBBING.

The Philadelphia *Press* contains a Washington special announcing that President Roosevelt, through some influence not stated, had come to the conclusion to let up on the political stunt which he has been doing at the White House. The STAR has several times alluded to the scandalous political stock jobbing by which Roosevelt has polluted the White House and brought contempt on the Presidency of the United States.

A Republican newspaper, which is evidently anxious to do a good turn for Roosevelt, makes this statement:

"President Roosevelt has uniformly refrained from discussing his political prospects with callers, holding that the matter was one entirely in the hands of the people, and that he would under no circumstances be placed in the position of pushing his candidacy for the nomination, or of offering suggestions or advice."

To this absurd statement, the Danville, Va, *Register* makes this corking reply:

"That sort of thing will do to tell the marines—it will not pass current anywhere else. It is known that he made an active canvass for the nomination last Summer, and that later he sought the endorsement of Republican State conventions, wherever they were held. He exhibited special eagerness for the endorsement of the Ohio convention, and his unseemly solicitude seems to have evoked that speech from Hanna in which he commended him for nearly every trait that can be commended excepting such as constitute a desirable equipment for the great office of President of the United States. That paper must credit the people of this country with very short memories."

THE RIGHT OF FREE MUD-SLINGING.

Since the Rev. J. C. Massee, in the Baptist State convention at Charlotte, advocated government squelching of newspaper utterances, the newspapers en masse (with apologies to Massee) have been editorially elaborating on the right of free speech.

Free speech is all right, boys, but allow one who has been up against it to emit a howl to the effect that the emancipated article oughtn't be put in type until you have thoroughly gone over the situation as to whether some old over touchous moss-back will stop his paper or order out his advertisement.

However, when it comes to a matter of speaking out on principle, which an editor has to deal with now and then, we would go down in the typhoon with our colors flying. Now, please do not get the idea of free mud-slinging mixed up with the right of free speech.

THE PANAMA COMPLICATIONS GROWING.

At the banquet of the Quill Club, held at the Hotel Manhattan, New York, on Tuesday night, Assistant Secretary of State F. B. Loomis said some very plausible things in defence of the action of the Washington administration with regard to the Panama republic and the canal policy of Roosevelt. Among other reasons justifying prompt action by the Roosevelt regime, Mr. Loomis said, referring to the intention of Colombia to wait two years and then declare as void by expiration the canal concession to the French Canal Company:

"The moment that the cables flashed from Bogota to Paris the astounding news that the extension of the French concession was cancelled, a French squadron from Martinique would have borne down upon the isthmus and perhaps landed marines at Colon and sent them across the isthmus to Panama and along the line of the canal to protect the interests and property of French citizens. There would, in all probability, have been an armed conflict between France and Colombia, or France at least would have felt herself compelled to hold the isthmus for a long period. This would have wrought immediately and poignantly upon the sensibilities of the American people in respect to the Monroe doctrine, and we should no doubt have found ourselves viewing France with annoying apprehension. The French warships might easily have been followed by those of England and Holland; and Panama, like the Balkan States, might well have been expected to have furnished the spark to set half the world in flames."

For somewhat like the same reason that Mr. Loomis fears that France would have pounced down on the isthmus, the latest developments are that Great Britain and Holland will complicate things for Uncle Sam on the isthmus, now that it is his. A correspondent at The Hague says it is reported there that both Holland and Great Britain insist that the Republic of Panama shall assume liability for $15,000,000 of the Colombian debt. What if Panama refuses to accede to this demand, and Great Britain and Holland, acting jointly and backed by other European powers, were to land forces in Panama to compel acquiescence with this demand, made to protect English and Holland capitalists who are interested in Colombian holdings?

All this business has a very serious aspect for the Roosevelt administration, but doubtless it would get rid of a little menance like that by whispering into the ear of Panama to agree to pay the $15,000,000 and Uncle Sam will foot the bill.

LIKELY TO SEAT A NEGRO CONGRESSMAN.

The Columbia, S. C., *Record* expresses some apprehension that the Republican congress is bent on unseating Congressman Lever, of South Carolina, and seating in his stead a sleepy headed negro named Dantzler, who is in Washington contesting Mr. Lever's seat.

The Washington *Post* reports that during the hearing of evidence in the contest a few days ago before the House committee on privileges and elections, Dantzler was nodding and sound asleep during the most important part of the testimony. This stirs up the Columbia *Record* to remark: "If the committee reports in favor of such a contestant then we may as well give up all hope of justice ever being done by the Republican party so far as the South is concerned."

It is just such infamous proceedings as this contest that incenses, exasperates and estranges Southern men from a party that otherwise might win support from some good men who are not in accord with the Democratic party but who remain Democrats to preserve the social standard and assure decent and intelligent government in the Southern States.

CAPERS MISSED HIS RAISING.

John G. Capers, the South Carolina member of the Republican National Committee, is the son of the late Bishop Ellison Capers, who was also a gallant Confederate general and a pure, good and true man. We wonder "whar was John at" when he was being raised? Says the Colombia *Record*:

"Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson is the member of the Republican national committee from North Carolina. When he saw that he was expected to sit down and eat with a negro at Hanna's banquet he refused. Several other Southern white Republicans did the same thing, but Mr. John G. Capers attended."

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly, and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist.

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MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for over sixty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, soften the gums, and allays all pain; cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhœa. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup and take no other kind.

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Pure and Unmixed.
Delicate Aroma.
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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Tarboro *Southerner*: One of the largest purchases of cotton by one buyer was effected here Saturday by A. W. Hart, his aggregate purchases being $41,000.

— John Carter, aged 28, who was killed in a railroad wreck Sunday morning near Cumberland, Md., was from Kinston, N. C. He was a member of St. John's Lodge of Masons.

— Revenue officers on the night of December 12th, captnred a huge illicit distillery near Little River church in Orange county, where so many stills have been captured of late.

— Red Springs *Citizen*: The machinery has been put in motion and Red Springs can boast of another industry. The college laundry is now turning out large quantities of work in the most approved style.

— Greensboro *Telegram*: It looks as if the two parties are going to have a hot race to see which can beat the other to it with a strong tariff reform plank. But tariff reform is Democratic doctrine, and Republicans should leave it alone or become Democrats.

— Salisbury *Sun*: Salisbury is to have another ice factory, and it is to have a capital stock of $25,000. Most of the capital has already been subscribed, chief among the subscribers being Mr. N. B. McCanless and Capt. C. L. Welch. The plant of the new company will be ready for operation before next summer.

— Lumberton *Robesonian*: "The steel and iron-work for the new jail has arrived. The building will be constructed almost entirely of steel, cement and brick, rendering it absolntely fire proof and as nearly proof against escape. There will be no wooden floor, ceiling or other wood-work, making its burning possible.

— Durham *Sun*: Durham is to have a new enterprise in the shape of a candy manufacturing plant. The parties will do a general wholesale and retail business. —— Our W. S. O'B. Robinson, ex-judge, is a daisy. He certainly has the courage of his convictions. With all of his eccentricities he may now be called "Gentleman William."

— Greensboro *Record*: The Southern and the Norfolk & Western do not gee-hoss any more at Walnut Cove. A drummer yesterday came in on the Norfolk and Western to take the Southern, but was told if he wanted his trunk rechecked he would have to pay for bringing it only a few feet to the Southern, and he had to do it or leave his luggage behind. May be the corporation commission will stand for this, but we don't believe it.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— It would take the ravens a long time to make up Dowie's shortage, but they will be helped by the jays.—*Montgomery Advertiser.*

—— The way for a girl to have a nice, rosy complexion is for her to try to climb a fence and get caught with half her on one side and half on the other.—*N. Y. Press.*

—— Already the papers up North are telling Panama how she shall spend her $10,000,000. This is the kind of bossing any fool republiquita has to stand when she gets under a protectorate.—*Mexican Herald.*

—— We have been waiting to hear some of the prominent advocates of the Cuban reciprocity bill assert that the rise and fall of sugar stock, according to the status of the said bill in Congress, is a mere coincidence.—*Norfolk Landmark.*

—— Latest market reports from Nebraska: Postmasterships, $400 bid, $500 asked; postoffice jobs heavy, no sales; land rights active and higher; last sale, 28 per cent.; closing bid, 26½ per cent.—*Atlanta Journal.*

—— According to the Turkish version of the affair, Consul Davis and his American escort assaulted the police force of Alexandretta. The survival of the Alexandretta police force makes this version an absurdity on its face.—*Kansas City Times.*

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you will never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

Christmas Holiday Rates.

For the Christmas Holidays the Atlantic Coast Line announces a rate of one and one-third one way fares plus 25c for the round trip between all points south of the Potomac and Ohio Rivers and east of the Mississippi River. Tickets on sale December 23rd, 24th, 25th; also 30th, 31st and January 1st, 1904, with final limit January 4th, 1904

For the accommodation of students and teachers of schools and colleges the Atlantic Coast Line has arranged round trip rates as above, December 16th to 22nd, with final limit January 8th, 1904.

The train service of the Atlantic Coast Line is unexcelled. For tickets and full information apply to Ticket Agents.

W. J. CRAIG,
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DR. PIERCE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION FOR WEAK WOMEN.

TWINKLINGS

— America's message to a certain South American Republic. "Wail, Colombia!"—*Punch.*

— Capitalization has proved to be a somewhat unsatisfactory substitute for capital.—*Puck.*

— He—Was that you I kissed in the conservatory last night? "About what time was it?"—*Life.*

— First Bostonian—Did you meet any Americans aboard? Second Bostonian—No, nothing but New Yorkers.—*Life.*

— "She has money," they said. "Some of us," retorted the spiteful one, "can get married without it."—*Chicago Evening Post.*

— Kitty—I believe you think just as much of Minnie Hawha as you do of me. George—Why, I actually abominate her! Kitty—George, you are such a dear.—*Boston Transcript.*

—"Everybody says the baby looks like you. Doesn't that please you?" "I don't know," replied Popley, "but I tell you what; I'm glad nobody thinks of saying I look like the baby."—*Philadelphia Ledger.*

Miss Saintly—Now, children, I will give a silver dollar at Christmas to every boy who has a perfect mark in conduct! 'Billy" McGinnis—Say, teacher, I'll take a quarter now, 'n' call it square!—*Life.*

— Hicks—I suppose you heard that our house was robbed? Wicks—Yes, I understand the way the thieves ransacked the place simply beggared description. Hicks—Not only that, but it very nearly beggared me.—*Phil. Ledger.*

— Proprietor—Why is it that there is so much kicking in the carpet department? Floorwalker—Because that department is operated according to rug bug rules.—*Baltimore American.*

— Mr. Stonefront—What! Ask me to serve on a jury? Me? On a— Caller—But this is for a jury at a poodle show. Mr. Stonefront—Oh, ah! Of course. That's another matter! I'll serve with pleasure.—*Chicago Daily News.*

— The eminent surgeon who had officiated in the ear-grafting case was explaining the process to an inquiring friend. "Of course," he said, "I had to remove the ear with a knife. I could have found plenty of men who would gladly have talked his ear off, but the method I used involved less suffering."—*Chicago Tribune.*

— "Finished experimenting on your new breakfast food yet?" asked the inquisitive party. "Yes," replied the inventor, "and while it is a great success, the hardest part is yet to come." "What's that?" queried the inquisitive party. "Inventing a name for it," answered the modest genius.—*Chicago News.*

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 18.

STEAMERS.

Devonshire, (Br) 2,364 tons, Coull, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

SCHOONERS.

Herald, 474 tons, Keyes, to master.
Mabel Darling, (Br) 111 tons, Sweeting, J A Springer & Co.
Adele Thackara, 515 tons, McKeen, C D Mafflit.
Damietta and Joana, 274 tons, York, C D Mafflit.
Robt H Stevenson, 1,058 tons, Higbee, C D Mafflit.

BRIGS.

Sullivan, 295 tons, McNeil, J T Riley & Co.

BARQUES.

Telefon, (Nor) 711 tons, Olsen, Heide & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—259 bales cotton, 12 barrels tar, 6 barrels crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—406 bales cotton, 35 barrels rosin, 31 barrels tar, 73 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—5 bales cotton, 23 casks spirits turpentine, 37 barrels rosin, 35 barrels tar.

Steamer City of Fayetteville—29 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 2 barrels tar.

Total—699 bales cotton, 27 casks spirits turpentine, 72 barrels rosin, 78 barrels tar, 79 barrels crude turpentine.

— Bellairs, Gen. Wood's press agent, would be a valuable commodity before the Senate's investigating committee at the present time. The man who was able to displace two army officers and to place one must be too big a man to effectually hide himself from Senator Hanna's tempting calls.—*Boston Record.*

Old Friends Are the Best.

Sometime ago I took what is known as a Summer cold. I tried several remedies, but without much relief. Finally, I resorted to my old standby, Cheney's Expectorant, and was cured by a few doses. I have great confidence in this remedy.

JOE HOWARD.

Macon, Miss.

For sale by J. C. Shepard.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, December 17.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market firm at $3.10 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.70 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.25 per barrel for hard, $3.80 for dip, $3.80 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 50½c; rosin steady at $1.30@1.35; tar firm at $1.40; crude turpentine firm at $1.75, 2.80@2.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	37
Rosin	72
Tar	78
Crude turpentine	79

Receipts same day last year—23 casks spirits turpentine, 113 barrels rosin, 696 barrels tar, 59 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady at 12½c per pound for middling.

Same day last year, market firm at 7⅞c for middling.

Receipts—699 bales; same day last year, 1,474.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 77½c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish 85c.

CORN—Firm; 65@70c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 16@16½c per pound; shoulders, 12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Firm at 22@23c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 35@40c; springs, 15@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12½@13c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25@26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 40@45c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@3½c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Money on call was steady at 4@5¼ per cent., closing bid 4 per cent., and offered at 5 per cent.; time loans were easy; sixty days, 6 per cent; ninety days 5½@6 per cent.; six months 5@5½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Sterling exchange was strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at 483.40@484.75 for demand and 481.10@481 40 for sixty-day bills. The posted rates were 481½@483 and 485@485½. Commercial bills 480¾@481. Bar silver 55½. Mexican dollars 42¾. U. S. refunding 2's, registered, 105½; U. S. refunding 3's, coupon, 106; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 107½; do. coupon, 107¾; U. S. 4's, new, reg'd, 133½; do. coupons 133½; U. S. 4's, old, reg'd, 109; U. S. 4's, old coupon, 110; U. S. 5's, registered, 101¼; do. coupon, 101¼; Southern Railway, 5's, 114. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio pref'd 87½; Chesapeake & Ohio 32½; Manhattan L 140½; New York Central 118; Reading 48½; do. 1st preferred 76½; do. 2nd preferred 58½; St. Paul 141¾; do. pref'd, 172; Southern Railway 30½; do. pref'd 77½; Amalgamated Copper 47½; People's Gas 97½; Tennessee Coal and Iron 33; U. S. Leather 7½; U. S. Leather, preferred, 76¼; Western Union 87; U. S. Steel 10¼; do. preferred 53½; Virginia Carolina Chemical, 26; sales — shares; do. preferred, closed 94½ bid; sales — shares. Standard Oil 662 bid.

BALTIMORE, MD, Dec. 17.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 13½ asked; do. preferred, —; do. bonds, fours, 72¾@72¾. Atlantic Coast Line, common, 107½@109; do. preferred, —.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Rosin firm. Spirits turpentine quiet.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 17.—Spirits turpentine steady at 55½c; sales — casks Rosin steady; sales — barrels: A, B, C, $2 10; D, $2 10, E, $2 10; F, $2 10; G, $2 15; H, $2 25; I, $2 45; K, $2 70; M, $3 80; N, $3 95; W G, $3.15; W W $3 40.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 17.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 56½c; receipts 390 casks; sales 189 casks; exports 91 casks. Rosin was firm; receipts 1,378 barrels; sales 2,249 barrels; exports 6,924 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, $2 20; D, $2 20; E, $2 20; F, $2 30; G, $2 35; H, $2 35; I, $2 55; K, $2 80; M, $2 90; N, $3 05; W G, $3 25; W W $3 50.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The cotton market was strong at an advance of seventeen to twenty-seven points on excited covering and bull support, following a sensational advance in Liverpool. The market had been expected to show a trifling decline. It opened unchanged but afterward shot up like a rocket with prices at about the time of the local opening some eighteen to nineteen English points net higher. Private cables explained the advance on the ground of a scare of shorts in consequence of American, continental and Egyptian buying, with the impression more or less prevalent that the New Orleans bull leader had helped the upward course of prices. Whatever the cause, however, the foreign gains started active covering in the local market and for the first few minutes buying orders came pouring in from every side in sharp contrast to the holiday as part of the recent times. Naturally, the advance, carrying the later months over the previous high record, attracted heavy realizing of outside accounts, but all offerings were promptly absorbed and only unimportant set-backs occurred during the whole session, with the bull leaders supporting the market aggressively on every sign of weakness. The highest point was late in the session, when January sold at 12.59; March at 12.80, May 12.90 and July at 12.93; these being net gains of thirty-five to forty-two points. All kinds of news was circulated on the advance. Messages were received in great numbers from the South, claiming approaching exhaustion and a very bullish disposition among holders, with some private advices alleging that Southern spot handlers had defaulted on their contract to ship spot cotton abroad, thus contributing to the advance in Liverpool, where it was claimed spot people were protecting themselves by purchases of futures against these failures of expected supplies; while other messages were of difficulties among spot cotton houses at Bremen and Havre and added to the general feverishness of sentiment. Receipts for the day were liberal and the estimates for to-morrow full, but these factors had no influence and the market closed at nearly the top figures or at a net gain of thirty-two to forty-one points on the general list, with the tone firm. The Southern spot markets were generally firm and higher with New Orleans reporting sales of over eleven thousand bales at an advance of one-fourth cent. Locally the spot market was twenty-five points higher at 12.70 for middling uplands. Sales of futures in the local market were estimated at 1,000,000 bales.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Cotton quiet at 12.70c; net receipts — bales; gross receipts 676 bales; stock 68,721 bales.

Cotton futures market closed firm: December 12.53, January 12.56, February 12.67, March 12.79, April 12.85, May 12.89, June 12.92, July 12.92, August 12 86.

Spot cotton closed quiet and 25 points higher; middling uplands 12.70; middling gulf 12.95c; sales 1,025 bales.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 45,468 bales; exports to Great Britain 11,251 bales; exports to France — bales; exports to the Continent 15,352 bales; Mexico — bales; stock 946,886 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 210,145 bales; exports to Great Britain 88,631 bales; exports to France 18,105 bales; exports to the Continent 76,382 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 4,581,720 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,344,730 bales; exports to France 471,561 bales; exports to the Continent 1,856,593 bales.

Dec 17.—Galveston, firm at 12¾c, net receipts 17,086 bales. Norfolk, steady at 12¾c, net receipts 1 540 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 13.37½c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 12 45, net receipts 161 bales; Wilmington, steady at 12¼c, net receipts 699 bales; Philadelphia, firm at 12.95c, net receipts 195 bales; Savannah, firm at 12 5-16, net receipts 9,581 bales; New Orleans, firm at 12 7-16c, net receipts 13,929 bales; Mobile, strong at 12¼c, net receipts 767 bales; Memphis, steady at 12¼c, net receipts 2,444 bales; Augusta, firm at 12¼c, net receipts 1,691 bales; Charleston, firm at 12¼c, net receipts 330 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Flour was fairly active, closing steady. Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red 90¼c. Options opened steady and advanced for a time on bullish Argentine crop news and small net receipts West. After a set back following heaviness in outside markets, prices recovered on export rumors and closed partly ⅜c net higher: May closed 85c; July closed 81¾c; December closed 90⅜. Corn—Spot steady; No. 2 53c. Options market advanced early on steady cables, light arrivals at Western points and covering. Later yielded under realizing, but closed steady with wheat: May closed 49¾c; December 51¾c. Oats—Spot quiet; No. 2 41¾c. Lard steady; refined firm. Butter unsettled; extra creamery 24c; State dairy 15@21. Cheese quiet; State, fullcream fancy, small colored, September 12c; late made 10c; small white, September 12c; late made 10c. Peanuts quoted steady; fancy hand-picked 4¾@5c; other domestic 3¾@5c. Potatoes firm; Long Island $2 12@2 35; Jerseys $2 00@2 25; Jersey sweets $1 50@3 50; State and Western sacks $2 10@2 25. Cabbage firm; domestic, per ton $20 00@30 00; per 100 $6 00@10 00. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton by steam 12. Pork steady. Eggs strong; State and Pennsylvania nearby average best 35c. Molasses firm. Rice quiet. Cotton seed oil was firmer and active at advancing prices: Prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 29@29½; prime summer yellow 36½c; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 38@39c; prime winter yellow 39@40c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Increased port business at the seaboard and small receipts held wheat steady to-day in the face of dullness suggesting the holidays. May wheat closed at precisely the final figures of yesterday. May corn closed ⅛@¼c lower. Oats are off ⅛c. Provisions were firm, the May products closing from five to seven and a half cents higher.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Cash prices: Flour dull and easy. Wheat—No. 2 spring 83; No. 3 spring 77@80c; No. 2 red 81¼@85¼c. Corn—No. 2 43c; No. 2 yellow 45c. Oats—No. 2 37c; No. 3 white 36@38c. Rye—No. 2 52c. Mess pork, per bbl, $11 37½@11 50. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 37½@6 40. Short rib sides, loose, $6 00@6 25. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, —. Short clear sides, boxed, $6 25@6 37½. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 27.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December, new, 78¾@78¾, 79¼, 78¼, 79¼c; May 81¾@81¾, 81⅝, 81¼@81¼, 81¾@81¾c; July 76¼@76¾, 76¾, 76@76¼, 76¼@76¾c. Corn—No. 2 December 42¾@42¾, 43¼, 41¾@41⅞, 41¾c; May 43¾@43¾, 43¾, 43¼, 43¼; July 43¾@43¾, 43¼, 43¼, 43¼@43¼c. Oats—No. 2 December 35, 35@35¼, 34¾, 34¾c; May 36¾@37, 37, 36¾, 36¾@36¾c; July 34, 34@34¾, 33¾, 34¾c. Mess pork, per bbl—January $11 37½, 11 42½, 11 37½, 11 37½; May $11 72½, 11 80, 11 72½, 11 80. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $6 37½, 6 37½, 6 35, 6 37½; May $6 57½, 6 60, 6 55, 6 57½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $6 10, 6 10, 6 07½, 6 10; May $6 22½, 6 30, 6 22½, 6 30.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Coffee—Spot Rio firm; refined steady. The market for coffee futures opened steady at an advance of 5 to 10 points and afterwards sold up to a level net 20 to 30 points higher, on buying by Wall street interests and covering of shorts. Toward the close there was a fair reaction under realizing, but the market was finally steady at net 10 to 20 points higher.

MARINE.

CLEARED.

Schr Wm P Hood, Philpot, Boston, C D Mafflit.
Schr Chas C Lister, Moore, New York, C D Mafflit.
British steamer Scarthoe, Hall, Bremen, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Norwegian barque Kampfjord, Christensen, Bristol, Heide & Co.

EXPORTS.

COASTWISE.

BOSTON—Schr Wm P Hood, 560,000 feet lumber; cargo by Cape Fear Lumber Co; vessel by C D Mafflit.

NEW YORK—Schr Chas C Lister, 300,000 feet lumber; cargo by Cape Fear Lumber Co; vessel by C D Mafflit.

FOREIGN.

BREMEN—British steamer Scarthoe, 13,952 bales cotton, 6,815,744 pounds valued at $370,000; vessel and cargo by Alexander Sprunt & Co.

BRISTOL—Norwegian barque Kamfjord, 7,586 barrels rosin, valued at $17,385.54; cargo by Paterson, Downing & Co; vessel by Heide & Co.

FOREIGN MARKET.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 17.—Cotton: Spot, in limited demand; prices 10 points higher; American middling fair 7.18d; good middling 7.03d; middling 6.93d; low middling 6.86d; good ordinary 6.76d; ordinary 6.56d. The sales of the day were 5,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 4,500 bales American. Receipts 7,000 bales, including 6,700 bales American.

Futures opened steady and closed irregular and unsettled; American middling (g o c): December 6.78@6.79d; December and January 6.74@6.75d; January and February 6.70@6.71d; February and March 6.69d; March and April 6.67d; April and May 6.66d; May and June 6.65d; June and July 6.63d; July and August 6.60d; August and September 6.47d.

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What Vinol did for Mr. Barker, our druggist, Mr. Robt. R. Bellamy, of this city, guarantees it will do for every person in Wilmington suffering from a tired, overtaxed, or worn out stomach which cannot properly digest food.

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Vinol contains no drugs, and no nauseating oil, but it does contain the vital principles of cod liver oil which will heal and tone up irritated, worn tired stomachs.

If any person in Wilmington tries Vinol for stomach troubles, for a run-down, debilitated condition, to give strength to the weak, to gain flesh, to invigorate old people, to make rich, red blood and build up the convalescent, to cure hard colds, stubborn coughs or bronchitis, and it fails to give satisfaction, I will refund the money paid for it. Robt. R Bellamy, Druggist.

SEALED PROPOSALS

Will be received at the office of the City Clerk and Treasurer at the City Hall of the City of Wilmington until December 29th, at 11 A. M., at which time all bids will be opened.

The proposals above referred to shall be for furnishing the Fire Department of the city of Wilmington with one thousand feet of cotton Fire Hose; said hose shall be gum and wax treated and rubber lined, and shall be 2½ inches, internal diameter and in length fifty feet each.

Said hose shall be coupled complete with Wilmington Fire Department Standard Couplings, same thread as now used, pattern of which can be obtained by application to the Chief of the Fire Department of the city of Wilmington. Said hose shall be delivered F. O. B. Wilmington, N. C. The hose shall be capable of withstanding the pressure of four hundred pounds to the square inch when delivered and must be guaranteed not to fail in efficiency within five years after date of purchase

All bids shall be addressed to the Chairman of the Fire Committee of the City of Wilmington, N. C., care of the City Clerk and Treasurer, and shall be endorsed thereon with the name of the bidder and the address of same.

Right reserved to reject any or all bids.

P. Q. MOORE,
Chairman of the Fire Committee of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Wilmington. dec 16 3t

SEALED PROPOSALS.

Will be received at the City Clerk and Treasurer's office in the City Hall of the City of Wilmington until 11 A. M. December 29th, for the purpose of furnishing and equipping a Fire Boat to be used by the City of Wilmington. All bids must conform strictly to the terms and conditions set forth in the contract approved by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Wilmington on December 6th, 1903; a copy of which may be seen by application to the City Clerk and Treasurer. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. All bids must be addressed to the Chairman of the Fire Committee of the City of Wilmington and deposited in the City Clerk and Treasurer's office before 11 A. M. December 29th, and must have endorsed thereon the name of the bidder and the address of same.

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The Steamer Highlander will leave Mondays and Thursdays, and the Steamer City of Fayetteville Tuesdays and Fridays at 4 P. M. for Fayetteville. Gate will close at 3:30 P. M., and no freight will be received for steamer leaving at 4 after 3:30.

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[Original.]

"Tell me frankly, Agnes, what do you think of my lover?"

"Personal appearance?"

"Yes. You can't judge of his mind in one meeting."

"Frankly, then, I don't like the look of his left eye."

"Oh, dear! Have you noticed that?"

"You appear to have noticed it yourself."

"I have been worried to death about it."

"Has he explained it?"

"I have not asked him to do so."

"My advice to you, Louise, is to give him an opportunity to explain. If he doesn't, I would break the engagement. I wouldn't marry a man who would keep anything back."

My resolution was taken. That very afternoon I asked Paul:

"Why do you wear a monocle? It is so frightfully English."

"Because, sweetheart, I consider it useless to wear two glasses when I can see as well with one."

"I notice you always wear it before your right eye."

"Yes. That is the better one of the two."

I began to feel uncomfortable. He had admitted that one of his eyes was better than the other. He noticed something was troubling me, for I saw him looking at me inquiringly.

"Don't you think," I said, "that on the eve of a marriage it is the duty of each of the parties to it to explain every defect, no matter how trivial?"

His brow contracted slightly. "You mean that if I should be blind in one eye you would break the engagement?"

"You wrong me. I only wish for perfect confidence. I don't want to find out anything after we are married."

"You'll have it all to find out," he said coolly, "and more important matters than defective eyesight. You may find that I have an imperious disposition, a bad temper, a grasping nature—indeed faults enough to make me a poor husband for any woman."

"That is a risk we all have to take, and since we are unconscious of our own faults there is no deception in not confessing them. But if, for instance, I wear false teeth or my foot is made of wood"—

"I would love you just the same."

"It would be a fault for me not to confess it," I persisted.

He showed very plainly that I had offended him. He sat looking at me for a few minutes, scowling, then said:

"Very well, I will make a confession which may cause you to break your engagement with me. But I will not place you in a position to be influenced in your decision. I will write my confession on a scrap of paper and leave it with you. Take plenty of time to come to a decision whether or no you can live with a man with such a defect as mine, then write me."

Going to my secretary, he took up a bit of paper and a pencil and wrote his message, then, without looking at me, hurried from the room. I waited breathlessly till I heard the front door close after him, then sprang eagerly for the paper he had left on the desk. Great heavens! What a revelation!

"I wear a glass eye."

I sank down on the sofa limp as a wet cloth. Never, never; I can never live with a man with a glass eye. The horrid thing would stare at me the first thing in the morning and continue its dreadful ogle till the last thing at night. No; it is all over between us.

But what a misfortune! Poor Paul! How sensitive he is about it! I don't wonder that he is so. If it is such a terrible thing for me to look at, how much more terrible it must be for him! Besides, he suffers all in losing me that I suffer in losing him.

I must be as gentle as a dove in breaking my decision to him. There is no need to take time. My mind is made up. We must part forever.

I took up the pen that he had just laid down—I kissed it as I did so—then began to write a note which when I read it seemed very harsh. I wrote another, then another and another till I had written half a dozen, each growing more tender, more loving. The last was simply, "Come back and let me comfort you for life." This I sent to him posthaste.

When he came I was alone in the room to which he was ushered. I looked for a serious, melancholy expression, but was astonished to see a very merry one. He clasped me in his arms, saying:

"Louise, pardon me if I am a little late. Just as I was about to read your note my glass eye fell on the floor, and as I am very nearsighted I spent some time hunting for it."

"Never mind, Paul, dear. You will always have me to find it for you."

"You see," he said, taking off his monocle, "when I hold it off there I'm as blind as a bat, for my left eye in addition to nearsightedness has astigmatism."

He looked at me, both his eyes fairly dancing. The truth rushed upon me. His glass eye was his eyeglass.

I suppose that the knowledge that after all he had two natural eyes should have made me inexpressibly happy. On the contrary, it made me inexpressibly angry. I tore myself from his embrace and was fleeing from the room when he caught me in his arms and covered my face with a shower of kisses. I bitterly complained that he had played me a trick. He declared that I should thank him for giving me the opportunity to prove the nobility of my nature in standing by him in his supposed misfortune.

BERTHA E. FAIRBANKS.

The Oriental Amethyst.

The oriental amethyst is really a violet colored sapphire, which is an exceedingly rare gem and of brilliant luster. It is regarded as a sacred stone, and it is used to ornament the cross and the pastoral ring of Catholic bishops. The ancients often used the amethyst for cutting figures both in relief and in intaglio, and there is in the national library of France a delicately wrought profile of Mæcenas, a Roman statesman of Octavius' time, engraved on amethyst by Dioscorides, one of the four celebrated engravers mentioned by Pliny.

Caught the Students.

There was formerly a barber in Harvard square who caught the university custom with this classic appeal which some friendly patron suggested:

Siste, viator,
Submitte collum tonsori
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"Some people," said the caller with a slight sneer, "seem to think that signing checks is the most important thing in life."

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Fred's Lie.

Dumley — There goes Fred's grandmother.

Corliss—What are you talking about? That's Fred's wife.

Dumley—Then what did he want to lie about it for? I asked him if she was his mother, and he said no; grandmother.—Boston Transcript.

Nautical Jane.

"What time did that young man leave last night, Jane?"

"About 11 o'clock, papa."

"It seemed later than that."

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First Boarder—I wish some benevolent monopolist would organize a hash trust.

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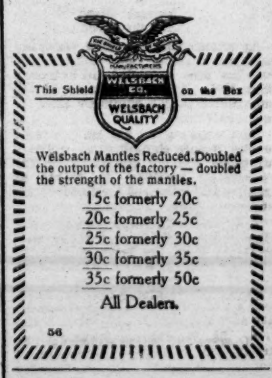

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Wilmington, N. C.

At close of business Nov. 17, 1903. (Began Business March 1st, 1890.)

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$1,181,992 44	Capital	$ 200,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	350. 00 00	Surplus and net profits	104,508 80
Bank Building	30,500 00	Circulation	200 00
Cash on hand and in Banks	716 1 0 94	Deposits	1,897,149 88
	$2 229,668 98		$2,229,668 98

Comparative statement of deposits,

Nov. 17th, 1901, $672,806 85, Nov. 17th, 1902, $81,164,009 05 Nov. 17th, 1903, $1,697,149 88.

H. C. McQUEEN, President,

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Our regular interest quarter begins Tuesday, December 1st, and money deposited with us on or before that date will receive credit for three months interest on the first day of March, 1904. We pay at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, compounded quarterly.

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SCHEDULE

CONSOLIDATED RAILWAYS,

LIGHT & POWER COMPANY.

Effective October 21st, 1903.

LEAVE.

Wilmington.	Wrightsville for Wil.	Beach.
*7.00 A. M.	8.10 A. M.	.....
10.00 A. M.	11.17 A. M.	11.00 A. M.
3.00 P. M.	5.00 P. M.	4.45 P. M.
*6.10 P. M.	7.00 P. M.	.....
10.00 P. M.	10.30 P. M.	Saturday only

*Daily except Sunday.

†Will not run beyond Wrightsville unless there are passengers for the Beach.

FREIGHT.

Small freight shipments will be carried on all passenger cars except 3 P. M. trips. Special arrangements for transportation of large shipments or bulky freight can be made by applying at the office. dec 15 tf

Seaboard

Air Line Railroad.

Schedule in Effect Aug. 30, 1903.

TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington 3:15 p. m. arrives Lumberton 5:36 p. m., Pembroke 6:00 p m, Maxton 6:45 p m, Hamlet 7:35 p m. Arrive Charlotte 10:45 p m.

TRAIN 15 Leaves Wilmington 9:00 p m, arrives Lumberton 9:15 a m, Pembroke 9:38 a m, Maxton 4 05 a m, Hamlet 6:00 a m.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5:01 a m, Hamlet 8:40 a m, arrives Maxton 9:25 a m, Pembroke 10:03 a m, Lumberton 10:27 a m, Wilmington 12:45 p m.

TRAIN 14 Leaves Hamlet 10:45 p m, arrives Maxton 12:36 a m, Pembroke 1:20 a m, Lumberton 2:15 a m, Wilmington 7:00 a m.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	7 30 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Monroe	9 05 a m	12 15 a m
Ar Charlotte	10 05 a m	.....
Ar Chester	10 35 a m	1 25 a m
Ar Greenwood	12 20 p m	3 43 a m
Ar Athens	2 50 p m	6 05 a m
Ar Atlanta	8 30 p m	7 50 a m

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	7 25 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Columbia	10 55 a m	1 50 a m
Ar Savannah	2 20 p m	5 05 a m
Ar Jacksonville	6 50 p m	9 15 a m
Ar Tampa	6 45 a m	6 00 p m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	8 55 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 25 a m	11 50 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 40 p m
Ar Portsmouth	.....	.....
Ar Norfolk	8 00 a m	6 35 p m
Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	7 50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 25 a m	11 15 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Richmond	6 35 a m	6 50 p m
Ar Washington	10 10 a m	8 00 p m
Ar Baltimore	11 05 p m	11 35 p m
Ar New York	4 15 p m	6 15 p m

Through Pullman sleepers from Hamlet to all points North, South and Southwest.

For tickets, Pullman reservations, etc., apply to Thomas D. Meares, General Agent, Wilmington, N. C. sep 4 tf

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Aug. 2, 1903.

NORTHBOUND.

	No 48	No 42
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 01 p m	9 33 p m
Ar Wilson	1 15 p m	10 35 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11 35 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4 55 p m	1 25 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 58 p m	3 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 4 p m	3 48 a m
Ar Washington	11 40 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 08 a m	9 15 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 05 a m	11 32 a m
Ar New York	7 15 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 49
Lv New York	9 35 a m	9 25 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 55 a m	12 01 a m
Ar Baltimore	2 12 p m	2 37 a m
Ar Washington	3 21 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	8 30 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 05 p m	9 48 a m
Ar Weldon	9 45 p m	11 00 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 37 p m	1 00 p m
Ar Wilson	11 18 p m	1 59 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7 16 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	8 00 a m	3 45 p m	7 00 p m
Ar Florence	9 25 a m	7 30 p m	3 25 a m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 15 p m	6 15 a m
Ar Savannah	6 30 p m	3 00 a m	6 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	.....	9 00 a m	1 15 p m
Ar Tampa	.....	10 35 p m	10 35 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily
Lv Tampa	8 05 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 30 a m	5 30 p m
Ar Savannah	12 40 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	4 50 p m	6 38 a m
Ar Florence	7 35 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 30 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD

	West Bound Daily		East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	Ar	7 50 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 25 p m	Ar	4 55 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m	Lv	3 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday		South Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	3 25 p m	Ar	12 15 p m
Ar Newbern	5 40 p m	Lv	9 50 a m

Trains Nos. 42 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Penna R. R. for all points east.

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H. M. Emerson, Traffic Manager. my 24 tf.

Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 16

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. 3 Passg'r Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Passg'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	.....
.....	4 30	Kinston	10 12	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern	8 37	9 00
7 00	7 07	Morehead City	7 23	7 07
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 9 00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 5.05 P. M. and with W. & W. train from the North at 5.40 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

oct 22 tf S. L. DILL, Supt.

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From New York for Wilmington.

CARIB.....Saturday Dec. 19
NAVAHOE.....Saturday, Dec. 26

From Wilmington for New York.

NAVAHOE.....Saturday, Dec. 19
CARIB.....Saturday, Dec. 26

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To Excursionists.

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The Morning Star

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 18.

COTTON MARKET EXCITED.

Flooded With Bullish News—Closed Firm, 32 to 41 Points Higher, With Sales of One Million Bales.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Liverpool cables were up to-day, owing to a scare of shorts and aggressive bull tactics, and this caused the New York cotton market to shake off the lethargy recently noted. First prices were at an advance of seventeen to twenty-seven points. January sold at 12.40, March 12.70, May 12.80 and July 12.77, these being new high records for the two last positions and net gains on the active months of twenty-one to twenty-nine points. Liverpool houses bought here as well as in their home market, and commission houses though in many cases selling for profits, also had orders on the buying side. Of course the gains, particularly in reference to the later positions, which had passed all previous records, brought out heavy realizing, and shortly after the call these months reacted from the highest, but generally speaking the market ruled very strong.

All day the market continued very strong. There was more or less irregularity and trading was not so active as has frequently been the case. The market was flooded with bullish news from the South. The highest point was reached in the afternoon when January sold at 12.89, March 12.80, May 12.90 and July 12.93, these being net gains of thirty-five to forty-two points. The market closed firm, net thirty-two to forty-one points higher, with sales estimated at 1,000,000 bales.

THE CUBAN TREATY SIGNED.

Reciprocity Bill Will be Effective in Ten Days—British Government Serves Notice Upon State Department.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The President signed the Cuban reciprocity bill a few minutes before one o'clock this afternoon. The President then issued a proclamation reciting the Cuban reciprocity treaty to be effective ten days from to-day.

Now that the bill has become a law, a question of great interest has arisen, namely the effect of the reduction of the duty on Cuban sugar upon importations of sugar from other countries.

The British government has served formal notice upon the State Department, that under the favored nation clause it expects that British sugar from the British West Indies shall be admitted into the United States on equal terms with Cuban sugar, and it is not doubted that Germany, France, Austria and the other great beet sugar producing countries will do likewise. An old holding of Attorney General Olney in President Cleveland's administration was adverse to such demands, but the question promises to be re-opened with vigor.

ALEXANDRETTA AFFAIR

Explanation Made by the Turkish Government Far from Satisfactory.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Chekib Bey, the Turkish minister to Washington, to-day conferred with Acting Secretary Loomis respecting the Alexandretta affair. The minister presented statements from his government, the general tenor of which was to show that Mr. Davis, the American consul at Alexandretta, was the aggressor in the affray and that he had attacked three Turkish policemen without provocation. The minister was politely informed that his explanation did not agree with the facts as the State Department had learned them. It was plainly indicated to the minister that the explanation sent by the Porte was far from satisfactory and that the vigorous policy already initiated would be carried out.

Minister Leishman has made a very energetic protest to the Porte against the action of the Turkish officials.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

Four Men Killed and Two Others Fatally Injured Near Du Bois, Pa.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

DUBOIS, PA., Dec. 17.—Four Italians were killed and two probably fatally injured by a dynamite explosion at Cramer, ten miles from here, today. The men were laborers on grading work for the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg road, and were blasting. Their dynamite was frozen and when they attempted to thaw it the explosion followed, shaking the ground and buildings for nearly a mile. The bodies of the four men were gathered up in baskets. The injured were frightfully mangled and were taken to Adrian hospital at Punxsutawney.

GAUTIER SENTENCED.

Three Years Imprisonment for Destroying Rural Route Mail Boxes.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 17.—W. A. Gautier, the desperado of Sampson county who yesterday shot two United States deputy marshals who went to arrest him, was to-day sentenced to three years in the Atlanta prison for destroying rural route mail boxes.

One officer, B. G. E. Daughtrey, shot in the stomach, is not expected to live and Gautier is held in jail here pending the result. He says he was filled with morphine when he shot, and thought the men had come into his house to kill and rob him.

A Frightened Horse,

Running like mad down the street, dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable salve handy, and there is none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles disappear quickly under its soothing effect. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

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ISTHMIAN CANAL MATTER IN SENATE.

Senator Gorman Declared Affair in Panama a Most Flagrant Transgression.

AND SHOULD BE RESISTED.

Had Been Created by the President to Make a Campaign Issue—Speeches by Messrs. Hoar and Foraker. Sharp Criticism.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The Senate to-day was the scene of a most important debate on the isthmian canal question as affected by the President's recognition of the independence of the republic of Panama. The discussion began with a speech by Mr. Hoar on his resolution of inquiry, and lasted several hours. In addition to Mr. Hoar's address there were speeches by Mr. Gorman and Mr. Foraker. All three were notable utterances and of historical interest.

Mr. Hoar confined his remarks to his resolution, and they were carefully written out and read from manuscript. He held that this country has not yet received full official information concerning the isthmian revolution, and criticised in sharp terms the conduct of this country as shown by what has been given out.

There was no reservation in Mr. Gorman's utterances. He practically alleged that the situation in Panama had been created to make a campaign issue, and said that unless further light was thrown on the subject he would oppose the Panama treaty.

Mr. Foraker took Mr. Hoar to task severely for his remarks reflecting on the administration. He defended the administration for its attitude toward the Panama revolt. A heated colloquy took place between Mr. Foraker and Mr. Hoar during an effort of the Massachusetts senator to explain more fully his position in the matter.

Mr. Hoar said he was in favor of the isthmian canal, but was anxious that the canal should be built "without taint or suspicion of national dishonor."

"What we want to know is," he said, "did this government, knowing that a revolution was about to take place, so arrange matters that the revolution, whether peaceable or otherwise, should be permitted to go on without interruption, and whether our national authorities took measures to prevent Colombia from stopping it?"

Mr. Hoar quoted the correspondence bearing upon the revolution, and asked "Why this great anxiety before any disturbance had occurred?" It was, he said, clear that if the correspondence so far printed included all the information possible to give on the subject, that from twenty-four to forty-eight hours before the revolution broke out this government had instructed a man-of-war to prevent Colombia from doing anything to prevent it.

"I want to know, and the American people want to know, and have a right to know, whether this mighty policeman on the isthmus, seeing a man about to attack another is justified before the blow is struck in menacing the assailed party, and whether, after the assault has been made, the policeman is justified in claiming the pocketbook which had been taken from the victim by the assailant should be turned over to him (the policeman) on the ground that he was the rightful owner?"

Mr. Gorman took the floor as soon as Mr. Hoar had concluded, and there was from the start evident interest in what he might say. He began with a reference to Mr. Hoar's speech and complimented that senator highly on his attitude and alluded to the Democratic attitude on the canal question. On the latter point he said that Democratic senators generally are as favorable to the construction of the canal as are Republicans.

Mr. Gorman said the facts were all that were desired, and he proceeded to refer to the extension of the executive influence, saying that this influence had been extended from time to time until "the Senate had become practically the agent of the executive."

The affair in Panama, he declared, was "the most flagrant act of transgression" that has ever taken place in the history of the country, and it should be resisted without regard to party.

Mr. Gorman criticised Mr. Loomis for his discussion of the Panama situation at a New York banquet before the injunction of secrecy had been removed by the Senate. Mr. Gorman said Mr. Loomis had discussed the Panama situation at a banquet at which perhaps many were excited by wine, and had "given information which the Senate had not had from the administration or from any source. He did not," Mr. Gorman continued, "tell the country all the facts, but he made the broad assertion that the President was a bold and great man, who had had the courage and the patriotism to land marines and seize a part of the territory of the republic of Colombia, which we were under contract to guarantee to that country. This is, he added," in the light of the facts before us nothing less than usurpation."

Mr. Gorman then discussed the President as a "second Napoleon," which title had, he said, "been assigned to him by some." "A second Napoleon, indeed," he exclaimed. "Had it come to this that the United States must have a Napoleon to shape its destinies and to distort the presidential office from its proper functions?"

Here Mr. Aldrich interrupted Mr. Gorman with a question as to whether it was the "purpose of the reconcentrated Democracy to defeat the treaty."

Mr. Gorman replied that it was not his practice to treat questions of international scope as a party man, and he believed that by the union of all the forces inclined to protect the best interests of the country its honor could be saved. He agreed, he said, that the canal must be built, but it in the light of all the facts at present known, it was even more important that the integrity of the American people should be preserved.

"Won't the senator go a step farther," asked Mr. Aldrich, "and state whether it is the purpose to reject the treaty."

"No, Mr. President," responded Mr. Gorman.

Mr. Aldrich: "I understand that what he says is tantamount to that, but I would be glad to have him put it in words."

Mr. Gorman: "I say to the senator from Rhode Island that if the case stands as it is now, with only the information that the administration has furnished us to this hour, then we consider it a most objectionable transaction. And let me say to the senator, when you talk about responsibility we can take the responsibility, and say to the administration without regard to party, Congress has directed you to do one of two things—to construct the canal and do it without delay; when you cannot get it at Panama, go to Nicaragua, and construct it there, and do it at once."

Referring to his estimate of the presidential office, Mr. Gorman said: "I do not desire to do the President of the United States any injustice. I respect the office. I believe that whoever occupies it ought to have fair consideration. But the executive must have a respect for Congress, and a special consideration for the Senate of the United States, when it comes to the consideration of treaties, for he cannot make one without its consent. When the attempt to deprive us of all the facts is made I reserve it."

Coming again to the direct consideration of Mr. Aldrich's inquiry, he said: "Open your books and give us the information. If you fail to do it in this case; if he will give us no further information than he has presented, speaking for myself, I cannot sustain him. Of course, there is courage enough and patriotism enough on this side of the chamber to stay him, or any impetuous officer who attempts an imprudent act that may affect the entire country.

"What I want, and what I believe the people want, is that there shall be nothing that will disturb the business interests of this country; nothing that will put in jeopardy, because of the fear of some extreme action on the part of the executive; the thrift and enterprise that we have so long enjoyed. Every thoughtful man recognizes the fact that we have for four years and more passed through an era of unexampled prosperity, of expansion, of reckless expenditures, of imprudent investments, and now the balance of the world is taking action, jealous of our prosperity, and is putting obstacles in our way, and will continue to put in our way obstructions that will impair, and have impaired, and are now seriously affecting every business interest."

Mr. Gorman intimated, in conclusion, that the situation on the isthmus had been invited for political purposes and on this point said: "A war party, it may be said, is in this country never defeated. Can it be in the mind of any man that a desperate political chance, growing out of the depressed conditions, makes it necessary for political success that the flag and the armies of the country may be exhibited in some foreign land to strengthen the party and secure party power? If such a thought has entered the mind of any man, here is the body to stay it. Who can be seriously troubled if the Senate in this case, as in all others, will stand for the safety of the mechanic and the wage earner, business interests, peace and prosperity? The fathers created this body, so that it can prevent imprudent action. It has but seldom permitted the excitement of the hour, the desires of ambitious men, to put in jeopardy the honor of the government or its commercial prosperity."

House of Representatives.

The House to-day passed without division the pensions appropriation bill, carrying $138,150,100. While the bill was under consideration there was a general discussion on Panama, rural free delivery, tariff and pensions.

The Panama question was discussed by Mr. Sims, Democrat, Tennessee, who took the ground that the consistent course to pursue was for the Democrats in the Senate to vote against the treaty. This, he said, would defeat it, in which event he believed the President would build the Nicaragua canal. It was inconsistent for Democrats to condemn the manner in which the republic of Panama was launched and then favor the treaty.

Mr. Burgess, Democrat, Texas, taking the policy of "stand pat" for his text, denied that any measure of prosperity is due to the Republican policy of protection. He referred to the Senator from Ohio as the greatest player in the greatest of American plays, but he said he might now be termed the "suppressed possible President."

The House adjourned until to-morrow.

THE SHIPBUILDING TRUST.

Hearing on the Receivership Application Resumed—Member of the Firm of Morgan & Co. on the Stand.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The hearing on the application to make permanent the receivership of the United States Shipbuilding Company was resumed here to day, Charles Steele, a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Company, being on the witness stand for a short examination as to the connection of that firm with the promotion of the shipbuilding company and the sale to it of the Bethlehem steel plant. At the preceding hearing last week Geo. W. Perkins, of the same firm, testified that Mr. Steele had had charge of this matter. Max Pam and Charles W. Schwab were interested spectators. Counsel Untermyer, of the suing bondholders questioned Mr. Steel about the purchase and sale of the Bethlehem plant by J. P. Morgan & Company as syndicate manager for the United States Steel Corporation.

Mr. Steele said the purchase was made in order that the steel corporation might be able to control the disposal of the Bethlehem plant, its permanent ownership being considered disadvantageous to the steel corporation and the desire being to re-sell it to owners favorable to the steel company, though no special purchaser was in view at this time. Mr. Steele, though a director of the steel corporation, professed himself ignorant of the competitive or non-competitive status of the Bethlehem and Carnegie army plate plants, the latter of which was owned by the steel syndicate.

Mr. Untermyer asked what reason there was that Mr. Schwab, owning no Bethlehem stock at the time, should receive $30,000,000 in shipbuilding bonds and stock at the time of its sale, to which Mr. Steele replied that it was in consideration for the risk Mr. Schwab assumed in making the contract for the purchase of Bethlehem stock, which was immediately assigned to Morgan & Company. Mr. Schwab had not told him these securities would give a control of the shipbuilding company.

Charles Alexander, of Alexander & Green, the law firm concerned in the promotion of the shipbuilding company, refused to answer questions about the organization of the shipbuilding company on the ground that he had no knowledge as would form testimony.

A DEMENTED FARMER.

Surrendered to the Sheriff After Killing an Officer Trying to Serve a Warrant.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RIVERHEAD, L. I., Dec. 17.—Word has been received from Aquebogue that Tuthill Reeves the demented farmer, who yesterday shot and killed William H. Rafford, a deputy sheriff and warden of the county jail, while the latter was trying to serve an execution for debt, surrendered to-day to Sheriff Preston after an all night siege. Although Reeves had fired a number of shots from the house in which he was barricaded, no one of the besiegers was wounded. Reeves was wounded by the fire of the posse which had surrounded his house.

The United States cruiser Buffalo has sailed for Key West and San Juan, from which port she will proceed as a convoy to the torpedo boat flotilla ordered to the Philippines.

U. S. WARSHIP IN COLOMBIAN WATERS

Discovered a Body of Troops Just North of the Mouth of the Atrato River.

RESENTED THE INTRUSION.

Colombian Commander Protested Again Presence of the American Warship, as War Had Not Been Declared. The Colombian Forces.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

COLON, Dec. 17.—The U. S. cruiser Atlanta, Commander William H. Turner, returned here last night from the Gulf of Darien. She discovered December 15th a detachment of Colombian troops, numbering visually about 500 men, but according to their statements, totalling 1,500 to 2,000 men, at Titumati, on the western side of the gulf, just north of the mouth of Atrato river. The commander of the Atlanta sent ashore an officer, who conversed with the Colombian commander. The latter protested energetically against the presence of American warships in Colombian waters, inasmuch as war between Colombia and the United States had not been declared, and politely requested the Atlanta to leave the gulf, because it belonged to Colombia. Commander Turner ignored the request and the Atlanta returned to Colon to report to Rear Admiral Coghlan. The Colombians are clearly busy with protective and strengthening measures. Although they treated the Americans courteously, they decidedly resented the presence of the Atlanta's landing party. The Colombian force was composed of the men landed recently at the Atrato river by the Colombian cruisers Cartagena and General Pinzin.

Early in the morning of December 15th the Atlanta sighted a small schooner in the center of the Gulf of Darien and followed her to the western shore, where the schooner attempted to hide behind an islet. Lieut. Harlan P. Perrill, of the Atlanta, was ordered to board her, and thereupon a whaleboat was lowered and pulled towards the schooner. Through the courtesy of the naval officers the correspondent of the Associated Press accompanied the party in the whale boat. It was found that the schooner had on board a hundred armed Colombian soldiers, commanded by General Raphael Novo, who said General Daniel Ortiz, commander-in-chief of the Colombian forces of the Atlantic and the Pacific, had a large camp a mile away on the mainland. General Novo requested Lieutenant Perrill to land and confer with General Ortiz. After temporarily returning to the Atlanta, Lieutenant Perrill went back to the schooner, which in the meantime had taken up a position off a beach within a small bay. Great excitement prevailed among the Colombians on the whaleboat's approach. There were repeated cries of "Viva Columbia!" and there was a sudden concentration of about 150 Colombian soldiers on the beach. For some moments the situation appeared dangerous and had the appearance of an ambuscade. General Ortiz appeared on the beach when Lieutenant Perrill went ashore, the whaleboat in the meantime lying close to the beach. General Ortiz insisted that Lieutenant Perrill should fly the Colombian flag at the bow of the whaleboat or lower the American flag at her stern, because she was in Colombian waters. Lieutenant Perrill replied that he did not have a Colombian flag and refused to lower the stars and stripes. General Ortiz did not insist upon his so doing, but he protested in writing against the presence of the Americans in Colombian waters. Lieutenant Perrill accepted the protest and conveyed it to Commander Turner, who handed it to Rear Admiral Coghlan on his arrival here.

During the conference with the Colombians ashore, Lieutenant Perrill was surrounded by General Ortiz's staff, while inland a few paces, there was a semi-circle of armed sentinels. The beach in both directions was also lined by sentinels. General Ortiz did not permit Lieutenant Perrill to leave the point of the beach where he landed. While Perrill was awaiting the Colombian protest, Lieutenant Edward B. Manwaring, commanding the marine guard of the Atlanta, rowed up in a cutter for the purpose of communicating with Lieutenant Perrill and to gain certain military information. Lieutenant Manwaring went ashore and the cutter joined the whaleboat off the beach.

The Colombian camp appeared to be permanent, was well provisioned and probably destined to be used as a base of operations.

General Ortiz and others freely expressed the determination of Colombia to fight to the bitter end in case General Reyes' visit to Washington is not successful and Panama is not returned to Colombia.

GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS.

Nineteen True Bills Returned to Federal Court at Omaha—Senator Dietrich Among the Number.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

OMAHA, NEB., Dec. 17.—The United States grand jury to-day made its report to the court, returning nineteen true bills. These include indictments against United States Senator Charles H. Dietrich, for alleged illegal leasing of a building to the government to be used as a postoffice; for adjutant general Leonard W. Colby, for the alleged embezzlement of government funds; Daniel Gaines, of Bassett, Neb., for alleged perjury in swearing falsely to homestead entries; former State Senator Elliott Lowe, for alleged conspiracy to bribe a United States senator; Postmaster John S. Mitchell, of Alma, Neb., charging him with illegal sale of of postage stamps; William M. Irwin, or a charge of acting as agent for Mitchell, and against R. M. Allen, president of the Standard Cattle Company, for the alleged illegal fencing of government lands. The other indictments were similar to that against Allen, but do not involve extensive tracts of land.

The jury reported it had further matters under consideration.

The indictments against Senator Dietrich and State Senator Lowe are in addition to those returned against them a week ago.

Senator Dietrich is charged with the violation of Section 3,739 of the Revised Statutes which provides that no member or delegate to Congress shall enter into a contract with the United States or its officers.

The second torpedo boat Flotilla, consisting of the Truxton, Whipple, Worden, Lawrence and Stewart, left Hampton Roads under convoy of the battleship Texas for Charleston, S. C., on their way to Key West, Fla., which will be their base of operations for the next few weeks.

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STRUCK BN LIGHTNING.

Rough Passage of Steamer Teutonic from Liverpool to New York.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The White Star Liner Teutonic, which arrived today from Liverpool, after a rough passage, was struck by lightning Sunday when 200 miles east of the New Foundland banks. The electrical storm, which occurred during a gale and heavy snow storm, was declared by Captain McKinstrey to be an unusual phenomenon. One of the bolts struck the foretopmast, splitting it and bringing the rigging rattling to the deck. Several other bolts struck the ship and caused some alarm to the passengers.

SOUTH CAROLINA DISPENSARY.

Figures Showing the Amount of Business Done in 1903 and 1902

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 17.—The figures from the report of Chairman L. J. Williams, of the board of directors of the State dispensary, for the fiscal year 1903, show that the business done amounted to $2,817,998.77. Following are comparative figures: 1903, gross sales $2 817,968.77; 1902, gross sales $3,406,313.27.

The net profits to towns and counties for 1903 was $512,216.35 and the net profit for the school fund for 1903 was $126,266 Increase of net profits in 1903 over 1902 is $71,584.

WARM WIRELETS.

The cruiser Dixie left Colon yesterday for Philadelphia to take on board the battalion of marines being assembled at that city for service on the isthmus.

The President has tendered the position of civil service commissioner, made vacant by the death of John R. Proctor, to General John C. Black, of Chicago. General Black is commander-in-chief of the grand army.

Announcement was made yesterday that the Atlantic Coast Line syndicate has been extended till February 28th, 1905. A large majority of the subscribers to the syndicate assented to the extension.

Favorable reports has been ordered by the Senate committee on military affairs on the bill providing for the appropriate marking of graves of soldiers and sailors of the Confederate army and navy.

The steamer Thistle, plying between Georgetown and Santee, S. C., brought to Georgetown the body of Captain William Collins, who was found dead in the engine room of the tug Loritta, a discharged gun lying near the body. The coroner's jury is investigating the cause of death.

The ways and means sub-committee on internal revenue yesterday heard arguments for and against the Tawney bill, prohibiting the packing of anything other than manufacturers' wrappers and labels and the internal revenue stamps, in packages of manufactured smoking or chewing tobacco, snuff, cigars or cigarettes.

A combination has been effected by three important independent tobacco factories, the Hampton Tobacco Company, Newburg, Ind., the Bowling Green factory, Bowling Green, Ky., and the T. M. Ryan Company, Martin, Tenn. The combine is capitalized at $100,000. It will oppose the tobacco trust in the central States.

The body of Charles A. Davis was found near a camp fire at Mulberry, Fla., with all the clothes burned off. Davis had held many important positions with railroads and other corporations and is well known by most railroad men in the Southern States. Davis was reputed to be wealthy. He was eccentric and had a habit of sleeping by camp fires.

The body of George Manuel, a negro who was thought to have killed his employer, J. T. Watkins, of Bayou Pierre, in Red River Parish, La., was found yesterday about three hundred yards from the scene of the killing. It now develops that both the planter and his negro servant were shot from ambush by unknown men, whose motive was robbery.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN

Situation Considered Grave—Dispatch of Japanese Troops to Corea Imminent.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

TOKIO, Dec. 17.—The conference of the elder statesmen of Japan, including the Marquis Ito and the cabinet ministers, yesterday resulted, according to a semi official statement, in a determination to oppose a strong front to Russia, in view of the latter's unsatisfactory reply to the Japanese proposal. Another report says it is understood that, although the Russian reply was considered highly unsatisfactory, the conference decided to make another and probably the last attempt to arrive at a friendly settlement.

The situation is considered grave. Even the most sober section of the Japanese press declares it is high time for action.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A cablegram from Tokio says the dispatch of troops to Corea is imminent, and that the elder statesmen have been summoned to meet the Emperor to-day (Friday).

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The *Daily Mail's* Kobe correspondent learns that at a conference of the elder statesmen of Japan endorsement was given to the government's determination not to recede from the demands on Russia concerning the Far East formulated June 23rd last. This indicates, says the correspondent, the rejection of Russia's reply, and he adds that it is expected the government will urge Russia to reconsider. This, however, does not necessarily mean that the negotiations have reached a hopeless stage, according to the report.

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The best reading Lamp is a Welsbach Drop Light—$1 00 installed. Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co. dec 18 1t

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Men's Hats.

We have recently made a large purchase in men's hats. We are selling a $1 25 hat for 75c; a $1.50 hat for $1; a $2 hat for $1 25. These hats are all new and stylish and are of the very best make. We bought them cheap and we are selling them cheap. Buy a hat from us and save money.

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